Vol. III. Numb. 126.

The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the Firſt and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Wednesday January 10th. to Friday January 12th. 1711.

NOTICE is hereby given to all Gentlemen that have Subſcribed to the firſt Volume of the *Britiſh Apollo* in Octavo, that the ſaid Book will be Publiſhed the 15th this Inſtant *January*, where all Perſons may have their Books at thoſe Places where they Subſcribed at, *Viz.* Mr. *Clark*'s in *Birchin-Lane*. Mr. *Howard*'s in *Scalding-Alley*, both near the Royal Exchange. Mr. *Carter*'s in St. *Paul*'s-*Church-Yard*. Mr. *Bickerton*'s in *Little-Britain*, Bookſellers, and of *J. Mayo*, Printer hereof, over againſt *Water-Lane*, *Fleet Street*.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *WHETHER the Angels of the Seven Churches mentioned in the* Revelations *were Humane, and had a Superiority over the Presbyters of each Church. Your Ingenious Solution is deſir'd by,*

Your moſt Humble Servant, W. R.

A. Thoſe Angels were the Biſhops of their reſpective Churches, as all Sober and Judicious Expoſitors agree: And their being inveſted with Epiſcopal Authority implies their having Presbyters Subordinate to them. For a Biſhop in the Primitive Church as well as now was a Superintendent over the Clergy, as a Miniſter is over his Congregation. This we cou'd prove from many Arguments and Teſtimonies: But having frequently treated of this Subject already, the Querift will we hope, excuſe us from that Labour.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire to know how the Sins of Believers ſhould be the Cauſe of their Afflictions, when Jeſus Chriſt has made a full and perfect ſatisfaction for them all, and when for his ſake they are all of them freely and fully pardon'd. A ſpeedy Anſwer will highly Oblige,*

Your Admirer and Subſcriber. J. A.

A. The Satisfaction of Chriſt conſiſts in redeeming the Faithful from the eternal Puniſhment of their Sins in a future State of Life, but not from the Temporary Afflictions of this, with which their Heavenly Father is pleaſed to chaſtiſe them for their Benefit.

Q. Gentlemen, *Can a Man duly diſcharge his Duty to his Children in Chaſtiſing them for a Fault, during the Time that he is in Paſſion againſt them? Or ought not he rather to defer his Correction till his Paſſion is over?*

Your Admirer, &c.

A. Choler being an Enemy to Moderation, it will be ſcarce poſſible for a Man, to Exerciſe ſuch Puniſhment in his Paſſion, but he ſhall have ſome Reaſon after to repent his Severity. We are told that *Plato* having the Rod in his Hand to Correct his Servant made a ſudden ſtop becauſe his Paſſion was up; at which Time *Speuſippus* entring his Chamber and finding him in that Poſture, demanded what he was about to do. "I am Chaſtiſing my ſelf, ſaid he, by refuſing my Anger "that Satisfaction which it deſires." This Example is followed but by few: If Men delay their Corrections, they generally neglect them altogether; which ſhews that they do not correct their Children or Servants for their Benefit, but in Revenge of ſome little Treſpaſſes which they commit. They chide and puniſh with Animoſity; and under pretence of diſcharging the Obligations, which they are under by Virtue of their Fatherly Authority, they run themſelves upon grievous Sins, and often injure tender Virtue. Therefore ſaith St. *Auguſtin*, 'The moſt quick-ſighted Philoſophers, whoſe "Opinions approach neareſt to Truth, believe

" Neve that Choler is abſolutely evil, becauſe the " ſlighteſt Emotions of it are irregular and mali- " cious, and force us to Sin againſt Reaſon at " the very Time, when we do that which Reaſon " commands us.

Q. Honourable Gentlemen, *Hearing of the many Ingenious Anſwers and good Advices (tho' being for ſome time in the Country, hath not had the good Fortune to ſee 'em) you have given to all Pertinent Queſtions, that hath been preſented to you, induced me to make known my Condition to you.* Gentlemen, *I have for above two Years had an ardent Love for a Young Woman, yet knowing my ſelf to be bound an Apprentice for 7 Years, and but half the time yet expir'd, together (for the aforeſaid Reaſon) with my being at preſent uncapable of maintaining of her, and of conſequence expecting her diſdainful denial; hath (tho' with great reluctance and ſelf-denial) hitherto curb'd my Paſſion and prevented my Suit to her. But which is yet worſe I have a Friend whom I Love as a Brother (whoſe Condition I conceive did run Parallel with my own, tho' now he ſeems to get the better of me) which hath lately ſerved out his Apprentice-ſhip, who addreſs'd himſelf to me in the following manner. I hath (ſays he) been long Toſſicated between Hope and Diſpair fearing that Mrs.———— (which is the ſame Idea I aim at) would be Married before I had ſerved out my Time: but now (thanks be to God) that fear is paſt, and I hope I ſhall Legitimate my Affections to her in Matrimony. To which, I replied, I thought it might be better for him to live ſome time Single, but hoarded my own ſmart, fearing if I diſcover'd it, it would the more encreaſe. Now,* Gentlemen, *I leave you to Judge what a deplorable Condition I'm in, hoping you will gratify my deſire with your ſpeedy Advice, which will Oblige me to be,*

Your Debtor and Well-wiſher, S. B.

A. To endeavour to poſſeſs the Young Woman with an Affection for you, before you are in a Capacity to maintain her; tho' it may be a demonſtration of your Paſſion for accompliſhing your own deſires, it will be no Argument of your Love further: All the Advice we can therefore give under your preſent circumſtances is to endeavour to conquer your Inclinations, or leaſt to wait with Patience till providence gives you a fairer Proſpect, for your Succeeding.

Q. *The great Clemency of* Julius Cæſar *towards his Enemies is highly applauded by the* Roman *Authors as the moſt remarkable part of his Character; but yet conſidering that he was a Man of a boundleſs Ambition, the Property of which is to make Men ſtop at nothing that may contribute towards advancing their Fame, and obtaining the Sovereign Power: It may be perhaps worth your Enquiry, whether the high* Encomiums *given him upon this Account did not proceed either from Flattery or Ignorance of the true Diſpoſitions of the Man; or whether his Clemency was really the Effect of his good Nature, or only of his Policy.*

Yours, &c.

A. To judge rationally of *Cæſar*, we muſt ſay that he did whatever his Ambition required. He pardoned his greateſt Enemies and put to Death his beſt Friends with the ſame Eaſe when he found his Intereſt like to be advanced by it. Every one knows that at the ſame Time that he recieved *Cicero*, and ſeveral other Perſons that gave a Luſtre to his Party, with ſo much ſhew of Lenity and Mildneſs, he as ſeverely baniſhed and put to Death all that wou'd not bend their Knees before him, and implore his Mercy with Submiſſions both abject and ridiculous. So that in ſhort we have no more Reaſon to ſay that the Clemency of *Cæſar* was the pure Effect of his good Nature; than that of *Nero* in the firſt five Years of his Reign; for in all that Time he deſervedly gloried that he had not ſhed one drop of Blood through the whole Extent of his Empire. But the whole Empire found to its ſorrow afterwards that this Reſtraint and Concealment of the Savage Barbarity of his natural Diſpoſition proceeded from his ſingular Policy and Diſſimulation, for which he was as remarkable as for his Cruelty.

Q. Gentlemen, *There hath been a Controverſy between two Men, whether the Sun is neareſt* England *in the Summer or in the Winter? Pray ſend me your Opinion as ſoon as you can conveniently, and you will Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant, Peter Mellin.

A. By conſtant Obſervation Aſtronomers find that the apparent Diameter of the Sun is larger at the Winter than at the Summer Solſtice, and from thence they prove that it is nearer the Earth in Winter than in Summer: For its apparent Diameter muſt be reciprocally proportionate to its Diſtance from the Earth. The ſame is alſo proved from the obſerved Situation of the Earths *Perihelium*, or which is the ſame Thing, the Suns *Perigeum*, which at this Time is near the Winter Solſtice.

POEMS.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

APOLLO,

Q. *THO' I might with* Cowley,
In Poetry vie,
In Accents *as ſmooth,*
While my Thoughts *ſoar as high:*
M' Invention *as good,*
As Perceptive my Brain;
Nor e'er was a Subject,
Propos'd me in vain:
The Laureat *long ſince,*
With Eaſe cou'd have been,
Had not my Stars *form'd me,*
A more Lucky Scene:
For Poets, *you know well,*
How mean is their State;
As if Rags and Hunger,
Were always their Fate:
On which I declare,
My deſire'd be more,
Than Son of APOLLO,
To be th' Son of a Whore:

And

And this is the Reaſon,
So ſeldom you find,
Thoſe Muſical Offſprings,
Produc'd by my Mind:
Not but I well know,
If the Titles I'd Name,
Of ſome, they'd convince you,
I merited Fame:
But ſo much for that,
Which no more I'll inſiſt on,
Becauſe 'tis not ſo
A Propos *to my Queſtion:*
Which is in an Art,
Which I far higher Prize,
And fancy 'twill ſo too,
Be thought in your Eyes;
Becauſe a much brighter
Idea of Thought,
And Nobler, may by its
Aſſiſtance be wrought:
That's Painting, which always
Has had ſuch renown,
To be much admir'd,
Both by Prince and by Clown.
This Art which my ſtrongeſt
Affection Can ſhew,
Is that which of late,
I own to profeſs;
And ſome ſtrokes I've given,
Perhaps may be like,
If not ſomething ſtronger,
Than thoſe of Vandike:
I've copy'd out Nature,
In fair Lady's Faces,
With all their fine Airs,
Bright Features and Graces.
And what may a Miſtery,
Seem ev'n to you,
I've made 'em more handſome,
Yet juſt like 'em too:
But what ſtill has poſ'd me
(I ſpoke it with Grief,
Becauſe all my ſtudy,
Will give no Relief)
My own in a Glaſs,
I cou'd never hit right,
Tho' I can have my choice,
Of Poſition *and* Light;
Yet this I have often
Seen others to finiſh,
Tho' each time I try it,
My Hopes ſtill diminiſh.
'Tis true I've an Air,
And particular Grace,
Which all know, the hardeſt
To take in a Face;
Yet ſince I in Ladies
Have done it, when they,
As Youthful, as Handſome,
Have been and as Gay;
Nay, in ſome, whoſe Beauties,
More Charmingly ſhine,
I cannot deviſe why,
I miß it in mine;
If you will the Reaſon
Hereof, but unfold
I'll Honour your Shrine,
Beyond Delphos *of Old.*

A. 'Tis ſtrange and yet often,
It has prov'd as true,
Of which we've a noble
Example in you;
That many (for *Artiſts*
All others will own)
Their Intrinſic value,
Themſelves have not known:
Nor ſenſible, while
Their vaſt Gifts they impart,
How they have excell'd
Their own Thoughts in their Art:
Thus you, while theſe Rhimes
You ſo flippantly ſmatter,
Have drawn your ſelf, yet nothing
Know of the matter;
Nay, what is more difficult
In them we find,
The Image exactly
Pourtray'd of your Mind:
But ſince your Corporeal,
You mayn't as well hit,
We'll give you Inſtructions
For Compaſſing it:
Since fondly you think,
Your lewd *Poetry* like
Great *Cowley*'s, your *Painting*,
To Rival *Vandike*:
A *Cod*'s Head firſt draw,
With th' Face of an *Owl*,
And two ſwinging Ears
On th' large *Jobbernole*:
For if you poſſeſſed not,
The Gifts of all three,
You ne'er cou'd ſo *vain*,
Nay, ſo *Impudent* be.

SIR,

THE Letters from the Hague, January 16. Adviſe that they have made there great Rejoicings upon account of the Victory obtained by General Staremberg, and the Relation brought by Count Culmenero having been made Publick, has occaſiond a great Joy in this Province,

and

and revived the Courage of the People, who ſeemed very much dejected upon the falſe Accounts publiſhed by the Enemy; That the States of Holland are aſſembled ſince Wedneſday laſt, and the Perſionary having laid before them the State of Affairs in Spain, they are reſolved to exert all poſſible Efforts for aſſiſting the King of Spain, without weaken the Forces that are to act in the Netherlands; That the Letters from Paris ſay, that the Garriſon of Gironne has made a vigorous Salley, killed a great many Men, and levelled the Approaches; That the Letters from Spain ſay, that beſides the Marquis the Thouy, Captain-General, wounded and taken Priſoner in the Battle of Villaviciosa, Don Joſeph de Armendaries, Lieutenant-General, was killed, 1 Mareſchal de Camp killed and one wounded; 2 Brigadiers killed, 2 miſſing, and wounded; 5 Collonels killed, and 6 wounded, whereof 2 are Priſoners; 1 Lieutenant-Collonel killed and 6 wounded, whereof one is Priſoner; but they have not yet the Liſt of inferior Officers killed and taken, who are in great numbers

London, January the 12th.

Sir John Jennings with the Squadron of Men of War, Tranſports and Merchant ſhips bound for the Streights, paſt by Dartmouth the 7th Inſtant.

The Men of War, that went from the Downs on Sunday laſt in queſt of the French Squadron, are returned there.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

ADVERTISEMENTS.

At a Certain Charge.

SUbſcriptions are now taking in at the Office of Inſurance on Marriage and Births, by the Society without Loſs, in the little Piazza Coven-Garden, in three Books on the Births or Baptiſing of Children, by way of a Weekly Payment and Dividend; the firſt on Paying 10 *s. per* Week may receive the Dividend of 1000 *l.* The 2d by Paying 5 *s. per* Week, may receive the Dividend of 500 *l.* The 3d by Paying 2 s. 6 d. per Week, may receive the Devidend of 250 l.

Yeſterday being the 11th Inſtant, was opened four Books on Servants, one of 1000 l. one of 500l. one of 250 l. one of 100 l. by way of a Weekly Payment and Dividend.

AT the Office of Inſurance on Marriage, in *Bolt-Court, Fleet-Street*, any Perſon by Paying 2 s. for a Policy, Stamps and Entrance, and 2 *s.* towards each Marriage, until their own, may ſecure to themſelves 200. *Note*, Ten Perſons, for 4 *l.* 6 *s.* by them paid, received above 390 *l.* and Two others, in 14 Days will receive near 200 *l.* and after that time each Claim will amount to above 120 *l.* which will be daily more and more, till full, which ſufficiently ſhews the Advantages of this Office are much greater than any other of this kind pretend to.

A General Meeting of the Subſcribers was held at *Sadler's-Hall*, in *Cheapſide*, on *Thurſday, October* the 19, 1710, and a Second Six Truſtees were added to the former, to whom Security is given, puſuant to the Propoſals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office.

FROM the Office of Inſurance on Marriage, in King's Head Court, in Petticoat Lane, near Biſhopſgate Street.

Notice is hereby given, that ſince the Death of Mr. Tho. Edwards late Director of this Office, the ſame is continued by his Widow and Adminiſtratrix, where daily Attendance is given, and Policies delivered out as uſual.

N. *B.* This Office hath met with ſuch ſucceſs, that above Fourteen hundred Perſons have already ſubſcribed, and it is not doubted but it will be compleat within 5 or 6 Weeks, that Claims will begin to be paid by the 16th Inſtant, the ſaid Mr. Edwards having, before his death, cauſed 12 Truſtees to be choſen at Sadler's-Hall, to whom Security is given, according to the Articles of Settlement, and the ſaid Truſtees are reſolved to ſupport and encourage the ſaid Widow and Adminiſtratrix in this lawful Undertaking.

The Office on Births is in like manner continued, where daily Attendance is given and Policies delivered out as uſual.

THE Front ſide of a good Houſe, Situate in a Clean Airy Court, in Fleet-ſtreet, not far from Temple-Bar, is to be Lett, with great Conveniencies, commodious for five or ſix in Family. Enquire at Seward's Coffee-Houſe, in Three-King-Court, Fleet ſtreet.

A Patent under the Great Seal of England has been granted to Charles Holman in Red-Lion-Street in Southwark, for the making of his London Ink-Powder for Records. Being Moſt Excellent for all Perſons to make their Writing-Ink as black and as ſtrong as they pleaſe. EachSix-penny Paper makes a Pint of the beſt, or Pint and half, or Quart for Shopkeeper's common Writing or Marking-Ink, only by ſhaking or ſtirring it in ſo much Rain or River-Water; and it amends all weak and pale Ink, or Ink ſpoiled by the Froſt, and Directions to each Paper of Powder, to prevent Ink from Freezing. 'Tis Sold by moſt Stationers, Bookſellers and Haberdaſhers in and about London; and by Shop-keepers in the chiefeſt Cities and Towns in England. And that none may be impoſed on by any falſe Pretenders, Cheats or Countery feits, this only has been publickly Experienced for many Years, and Approved for the beſt Ink in moſt parts of the World.

THE daily Teſtimonies I receive of the wonderful Effects of the late Famous Dr. TYSON's *Apoplectick Snuff*, obliges me to continue this Publication, it being in good eſteem with Men of Learning and Quality, for curing all Diſtempers in the Head, *&c.* Are ſealed up in Oval Tin Boxes, in the Printed Direction, with the Vertues at large. Sold at *Robin's* Coffee Houſe in *Change Alley*; at the *Printing Preſs*, in *Fleet Street*, over againſt *Water Lane*; at the *Seven Stars*, under St. *Dunſtan's Church*, *Fleet Street*, and at St. *James's Coffee Houſe*, near St. *James's Houſe*, at 3 *s.* 6 *d.* each Box. To prevent any miſtake, I have ſealed the Boxes with this Seal, the *Serpent*, *Dove*, *Wheat Sheaf*, and *Lion*, having this Motto under it, *Inde ſalus populi.*

READy Money for any Parcel or Library of Books in all Languages and faculties whatever: likewiſe Books Exchang'd and lent to Read, by *Tho. Bickerton*, at the *Roſe* and *Crown* next the Gate-way leading into the *Blue-Coat-Hoſpital* by the Pump in *Little-Britain.*

LONDON: Printed for, and Sold by *J. Mayo*, at the *Printing-Preſs* againſt *Water-Lane* in *Fleet-Street*. Where Advertiſements are Taken in.